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### NEWS RELEASE:

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### **Council Delegate Danny Simpson's legislation seeks to appropriate projected recurring revenues**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The purpose of this news release is to provide a correction to the December 15 Navajo Times article entitled, "Bill to restore money vetoed by prez in works."

The article by Marley Shebala stated, "Proposed Navajo Nation Council legislation that would restore about \$2.4 million that President Ben Shelly line-item vetoed from the legislative branch budget is headed to the Council."

It states, furthermore, "The \$2.4 million would be taken from the \$41 million currently in the tribal reserves."

Legislation 0485-11, sponsored by Council Delegate Danny Simpson, does seek to restore portions of the budget that were line-item vetoed by President Ben Shelly but the appropriation will NOT be coming from the \$41 Million that is currently in tribal reserves.

Instead, the legislation is seeking to appropriate the *projected recurring revenues* that are still available because of President Shelly's line-item vetoes.

Legislation 0485-11 states, "The veto of certain line items has resulted in \$3,074,346 in projected recurring revenues being unappropriated."

It also states, "These unappropriated revenues are available for appropriation."

In an October 4, 2011 memo from Marcelino R. Gomez, Assistant Attorney General, it also stated that the line-item vetoed amount "is available for appropriation for Fiscal Year 2012. In addition, it is available for appropriation for recurring expenses because it is based on a recurring revenue projection."

Council Delegate Simpson's legislation seeks to appropriate the line-item vetoed (or, the projected recurring revenues) amount for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Green Commission, Office of Legislative Services, Resources and Development Committee Travel, and Office of the Speaker.

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